

REMARKS

Claims 2-14 are currently amended.

Claim 15 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to clarify claim language.

The amendments to the claims are supported by the claims and specification, as originally filed.

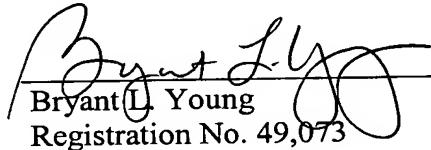
The Abstract is replaced to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.72. A clean copy of the Replacement Abstract appears at the end of this amendment. Support for the Replacement Abstract can be found in the specification at page 1, lines 4-7.

Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-14 and 16 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the amendments. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

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